

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 2, 6-9, 13-16 and 18-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 2, 6 and 7 stand rejected. Claims 8, 9, 13-16 and 18-20 have been allowed.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1, 2, 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. More particularly, the Examiner asserts that claim 1 is “unclear as to what structure is producing the predetermined input format that is received by the travel data processing means. The claim specifies that the travel data acquisition component acquires travel data but does not state that the travel data acquisition component formats the travel data into a predetermined input format.”

Claim 1 has been amended to obviate the §112, second paragraph, by clarifying that the “travel data acquisition component” produces the formatted travel data that is received by the travel data processing means.

In view of the above-noted amendments to claim 1, it is believed that claim 1, and claims 2, 6 and 7 which depend therefrom, particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention in accordance with the requirements of §112, second paragraph. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under §112, second paragraph, are respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection and an indication of allowability of all pending claims are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that there are issues remaining to be resolved in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite and complete prosecution of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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